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To: All U.S Citizens
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Date: March 20, 2008
Subject: Demonstration at the Embassy on Saturday, March 22

- THIS MESSAGE IS FOR ALL U.S. CITIZENS -

The U.S. Embassy has learned from leaflets and public announcements confirmed by Cypriot police officials that a demonstration will be conducted on Saturday, March 22, to protest the 5th anniversary of U.S. military action in Iraq. Demonstrators are scheduled to begin congregating at Eleftheria Square at 11:00 a.m. and to move to the United States Embassy compound at approximately 11:30. While the police anticipate that the event will take place peacefully, they are taking precautionary measures to ensure the security of the Embassy and the safety of personnel. Embassy security officials have been unable to obtain a reliable estimate of the number of demonstrators who will participate. Because of the demonstration and possible police precautionary measures, Embassy officials anticipate increased traffic and possible road closures in the immediate vicinity of the Embassy during the event. The Embassy has advised employees and their family members who are not required to be at the Embassy during the time of the demonstration to avoid the area.

We wish to remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. Americans therefore are urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations and to exercise caution if within their vicinity.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website <http://cyprus.usembassy.gov> and the U.S. Department of State's travel website at www.travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide

Caution, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

Citizens living and residing in Cyprus are advised to register their presence in the country through the U.S. Department of State's automated online registration system, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. U.S. citizens may also contact the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy via e-mail or by calling 22-39-3939.

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